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A.—(a), (c) & (d) The question is under consideration.
(b) No.

Public Health

Prevalence of plague in Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks.

* 1719 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of attacks and deaths from plague in each village annually from 1920 in Krishnagiri and Hosur taluks of the Salem district;

(b) in what part of the year the epidemic generally visits the above-mentioned places and in what month the epidemic is on the increase;

(c) what attempts have been made by the Government every year to counteract the spreading and recurrence of this epidemic; and

(d) what amount has been spent by the Government in the matter of improvement of sanitation and the employment of special additional medical staff, and whether the Government have made any investigation into the ways of permanently ridding the taluks of this epidemic?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

Revenue aspect of the Mahanandi water-supply scheme.

* 1720 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in relation to the proposed Mahanandi water scheme to the Nandyal Municipality—

(a) whether he has received the cultivation and Revenue figures for the last ten years; and

(b) if so, what they are?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—“May I ask whether the hon. Minister will communicate the figures to the Members of the House after they are received?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—“The Government will consider that suggestion after the information is received.”

Supply of drinking water for Salem town.

* 1721 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that the town of Salem is suffering very badly for want of drinking water;

(b) whether cholera epidemic is prevailing in Salem town and in the neighbouring villages;

(c) whether Panamarathupatti tank is completely dried up;

(d) the number of times the Panamarathupatti tank which was supplying water for Salem town dried up since its construction; and

(e) what steps the Government propose to take to solve the difficulty?

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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) So far as the Government are aware the reservoir ran dry in 1915 and a similar failure occurred in 1926.

(e) The Government have ordered the immediate investigation of a scheme for the supply of water to Salem Town from the Mettur Reservoir.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur :—“ With reference to answer (c), may I ask the Government to enquire into the matter? The tank has dried up; people are suffering from cholera.”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ The Government have already given information regarding cholera; with regard to the tank being dried up, the Government will take the information given by the hon. Member.”

Removal of the mixed provincialization of Health Officers.

* 1722 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were made by the municipal councils to remove the mixed provincialization of Health Officers;

(b) if so, what those municipalities are; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove this mixed provincialization?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Municipal Councils of Salem, Tuticorin, Negapatam, Calicut, Coimbatore, Cocanada, Trichinopoly, Vellore, Guntur, Cochin, Bellary, Tinnevely and Bezwada.

(c) The Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, has been amended by the insertion of the new section 77-A.

Registration

Promotions to the selection grade of Sub-Registrars.

* 1723 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to make promotions to the selection grade of Sub-Registrars before making promotions to the upper grade of Sub-Registrars; and

(b) why they proceed to make promotions to the existing vacancies in the selection grade before filling up a long-standing vacancy in the upper grade?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know when these appointments will be made? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ The appointments will be made from time to time.”